

Forming impressions in an all-concrete bathroom


Almost everything in Mark Story's bathroom is cast-in-place concrete, including the walls, ceiling, floor, skylight well, tub, shower, and shelves. Even the toilet paper holder is made of concrete.

Story wanted the old-fashioned look of the form material imprinted on the exposed concrete of his newly built northern Idaho home. Tongue-and-groove sheathing produced the clean, striped form line and grain marks. To avoid regularly spaced tie holes, the builder used

huge amounts of shoring, bracing, kickers, and walers. A few snap ties were used under outlets. The entire pour was monolithic to avoid cold joints between ceiling and walls.

Small recesses, such as for the toilet paper holder, were made from blocks of high-density urethane foam. The builder tacked and glued the foam in place and later removed it by dissolving it with gasoline.

In keeping with the low-maintenance theme, the black vinyl duckboard flooring, gym-locker cabinets, and concrete surfaces can all

be hosed down for easy cleaning. The water just goes down the floor drain. 

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In this all-concrete bathroom, bathers can enjoy a view of Idaho's Lake Pend Orielle.



Black vinyl duckboard flooring and a floor drain allow this concrete bathroom to be hosed down for easy cleaning.